What Does It Cost to Change Your Delta Flight Date Online?

QUICK ANSWER:

Changing your Delta flight date online costs $0 in change fees for Main Cabin, Comfort+, First Class, and Delta One. You pay only the fare difference if the new date is more expensive. If the new date is cheaper, you receive an eCredit for the savings. Basic Economy cannot be changed after 24 hours. The cost is identical whether you change online, through the app, or by calling +1➤855➤203➤2961.

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UNDERSTANDING DATE CHANGE COSTS:

1. Go to delta.com My Trips or open the Fly Delta app

2. Enter your confirmation code and select the flight to change

3. Browse available dates and compare fare differences

4. If the online tool works: confirm the change and receive updated email

5. If the online tool shows an error: call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for agent-assisted change

6. For Basic Economy: cancel within 24 hrs for cash refund or call +1➤855➤203➤2961

7. For post-check-in: call +1➤855➤203➤2961 as the most reliable channel

8. Have your preferred new date ready for fastest processing

What Is the Change Fee for Changing Dates Online?

The change fee is $0 for all changeable fare classes when you modify your flight date through delta.com, the Fly Delta app, or by calling +1➤855➤203➤2961. Delta permanently eliminated change fees in 2020 for Main Cabin and above on both domestic and international tickets. The zero-fee policy applies regardless of how many times you change, how close to departure you change, or what direction (earlier or later) you move the date. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 to confirm your specific fare class is eligible for $0 change fees.

Basic Economy is the only fare class excluded from the $0 change fee policy. After the first 24 hours from booking, Basic Economy tickets cannot be changed at all. Cancellation for eCredit with approximately $99 deducted is the only option. Within the first 24 hours, all fare types including Basic Economy can be cancelled for a full cash refund per DOT rules. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 to verify whether your ticket is Basic Economy or a higher fare class.

How Is the Fare Difference Calculated?

When you change your flight date, the system compares your original ticket price to the current price of the new flight. If the new flight costs more, you pay the difference at the time of the change. For example, if your original ticket was $280 and the new date's flight costs $340, you pay $60 in fare difference. If the new flight costs less, for example $240 versus your original $280, you receive a $40 eCredit for future Delta travel. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent calculates fare differences across multiple dates to find your cheapest option.

Fare differences can be dramatically affected by your choice of new date. Midweek dates (Tuesday and Wednesday) typically have lower fares than weekend dates. Peak travel periods like holidays command premium pricing. A date change from a Saturday departure to a Wednesday departure on the same route might actually result in an eCredit back to you rather than an additional payment. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and ask the agent to search flexible dates to minimize your fare difference.

What If the New Date Costs Less Than Your Original?

If the new flight on your chosen date is priced lower than what you originally paid, Delta issues an eCredit for the difference. The eCredit appears in your SkyMiles account under My Wallet and is valid for 12 months from the original ticket issue date. It can be applied to any future Delta booking for the same passenger. The eCredit is non-transferable. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 if the eCredit does not appear in your account within 24 hours of the date change.

Strategically, you can use this mechanic to your advantage. If fares on your route drop significantly after your original booking, changing your dates and then changing back to your original date at the lower price effectively captures the fare drop as an eCredit. The $0 change fee makes this risk-free. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 if you want guidance on whether a fare-drop change strategy makes sense for your specific booking.

How Much Does a Same-Day Date Change Cost?

Same-day date changes come in two forms. Same-day standby is completely free on domestic flights for all passengers, placing you on the waitlist for a different flight on the same day and route. Same-day confirmed change costs $75 for general passengers and is free for Medallion Gold and above. Confirmed change guarantees a seat on the specific flight you want. Both can be processed through the Fly Delta app or by calling +1➤855➤203➤2961. Neither involves a fare difference

charge in most cases.

Same-day standby is risk-free because your original booking remains as a backup. If standby does not clear, you fly your original flight with no penalty. The $75 confirmed change fee applies on top of any fare difference, though fare differences for same-day changes are typically minimal or $0. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent can advise whether free standby or $75 confirmed is the better value based on the specific flight's availability.

Are There Hidden Fees When Changing Dates Online?

No. Delta does not charge any processing fee, service charge, online transaction fee, or administrative cost for date changes. The only potential charges are the fare difference if the new date is more expensive and the $75 same-day confirmed change fee for non-elite passengers. Everything is disclosed on the confirmation screen before you finalize the change. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent states all costs explicitly before processing, providing the same transparency as the online tool.

If you see an unexpected charge on your credit card statement after an online date change, it is almost certainly the fare difference that was displayed during the change process. Compare the amount to the fare difference shown on your change confirmation email. If there is a discrepancy, call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for investigation and resolution.

How Do Date Change Costs Differ for International Flights?

International date changes follow the same $0 change fee policy as domestic for Main Cabin and above. Fare differences may be larger on international routes because of greater pricing volatility between peak and off-peak dates, seasonal demand swings, and currency fluctuations. The same process applies: go to delta.com My Trips, select Modify, choose a new date, and review the fare difference before confirming. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for international date changes involving partner airline segments.

International itineraries with connections on SkyTeam partner airlines may require phone-based date changes because the partner segment needs coordination between Delta's system and the partner airline's system. The online tool handles Delta-operated international segments smoothly but may show errors for partner-operated segments. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for any international date change involving KLM, Air France, Korean Air, or other SkyTeam partner flights.

What Does an Award Ticket Date Change Cost?

Award ticket date changes have a $0 change fee matching the revenue ticket policy. Instead of a cash fare difference, you pay or receive the mileage difference between your original award and the new date's award price. If the new date requires 15,000 miles instead of your original 12,500, you pay

2,500 additional miles from your balance. If it requires only 10,000, the 2,500 difference returns to your account. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for award date changes, especially on partner airlines.

Award mileage prices fluctuate significantly by date, even more dramatically than cash fares. A one-day shift can save or cost thousands of miles. When changing award dates, check multiple alternatives to find the lowest mileage option. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and the agent searches across a range of dates for the lowest award price available on your route.

What Is the True Cost of Not Being Able to Change Basic Economy?

The hidden cost of Basic Economy inflexibility becomes clear when plans change. If you need to change a $189 Basic Economy ticket after 24 hours, you cancel for eCredit ($189 minus $99 fee = $90 eCredit), then buy a new ticket at current pricing, often $200-400 for a different date. Total cost: potentially $300+ for what would have been a free date change on a Main Cabin ticket that cost only $20-60 more at the time of original booking. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and compare Basic Economy versus Main Cabin pricing on your route before booking.

This math illustrates why experienced travelers often recommend Main Cabin over Basic Economy unless travel dates are absolutely fixed. The $20-80 Main Cabin premium buys unlimited free date changes that can save hundreds of dollars if plans shift. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 and discuss your travel certainty level with the agent for personalized fare class guidance.

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Scenario Comparison

Your Situation	Can You Change Online?	Cost	What to Do
Main Cabin date change	Yes (delta.com or app)	$0 fee + fare diff only	My Trips > Modify select new date
Comfort+ / First date change	Yes (delta.com or app)	$0 fee + fare diff only	My Trips > Modify select new date
Basic Economy date change	No (after 24 hours)	Cancel: eCredit minus ~$99	Cancel + rebook or call +1➤855➤203➤2961
Award ticket date change	Yes (delta.com or app)	$0 fee + miles diff	My Trips > Modify or call +1➤855➤203➤2961
Third-party booking	Maybe limited online	Per agency rules	Try delta.com or call +1➤855➤203➤2961

Post-check-in date change	Limited online	$0 fee + fare diff	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 (most reliable)
Multi-city date change	Limited online	$0 fee + fare diff	Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 (agent-assisted)
During active travel waiver	Yes (expanded options)	$0 fee + $0 fare diff	App or delta.com waiver auto-applied

How Does Delta Compare to Other Airlines?

Feature	Delta	American	United	Southwest	Alaska	JetBlue
Online date change	delta.com My Trips	aa.com Manage	united.com Manage	sw.com Manage	alaskaair.com	jetblue.com Manage
App date change	Fly Delta app	AA app	United app	SW app	Alaska app	JetBlue app
Change fee (economy+)	$0	$0	$0	$0 all fares	$0	$0 Blue+
Basic Econ date change	Not allowed after 24 hrs	Not allowed	Not allowed	$0 changeable	Not allowed	Not allowed
Fare diff applied	Yes if higher	Yes if higher	Yes if higher	Yes if higher	Yes if higher	Yes if higher
24-hour free cancel	Yes (DOT)	Yes (DOT)	Yes (DOT)	Yes (DOT)	Yes (DOT)	Yes (DOT)

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Q: Can you change a Basic Economy flight date online?

Not after 24 hours from booking. Within 24 hours, cancel for full cash refund per DOT rules and rebook on your preferred date. After 24 hours, cancel for eCredit minus ~$99 and book a new ticket. Basic Economy date changes are blocked in the online system after the 24-hour window. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 to discuss Basic Economy options.

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Q: Can you change your Delta flight date on the app?

Yes, open the Fly Delta app, go to My Trips, select your flight, and tap Change Flight. Browse available dates and confirm. Same $0 change fee policy as the website. The app is especially convenient for making changes while traveling. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for changes the app cannot process.

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Q: What happens to your seat when you change dates?

Your original seat is released. On the new date, select from available seats during the change process. Preferred seats may not be available on the new date. Monitor the seat map in the app as seats open closer to departure. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 if your preferred seat type is unavailable on the new flight.

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Q: Can you change a Delta flight date to an earlier date?

Yes, changing to an earlier date follows the same process and $0 change fee as any date change on Main Cabin and above. If the earlier date has a lower fare, you receive an eCredit for the difference. If higher, you pay the difference. Go to delta.com My Trips or call +1➤855➤203➤2961 to change to an earlier date.

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Q: Can you change a third-party booking date on delta.com?

Some third-party bookings can be modified through delta.com using the Delta confirmation code, but others require changes through the original booking agency. Try delta.com first with your Delta record locator. If the change option does not appear, contact the booking agency or call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for assistance.

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Q: What if delta.com shows an error when changing dates?

Common causes include Basic Economy restrictions, third-party booking limitations, partner airline segments, and system processing delays. Clear your browser cache and try again. Switch to the Fly Delta app as an alternative. If errors persist, call +1➤855➤203➤2961 because phone agents can process

changes that the website cannot handle.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Change date online?

A: Yes, delta.com My Trips or Fly Delta app. $0 fee Main Cabin+. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 if online shows errors.

Q: Cost?

A: $0 change fee. Fare diff only. New date cheaper = eCredit. More expensive = pay diff. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for calculation.

Q: Basic Economy?

A: Not after 24 hrs. Cancel for eCredit minus ~$99. Within 24 hrs: full cash refund. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for options.

Q: After check-in?

A: Limited online. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 for agent to un-check-in + change + re-check-in in one call.

Q: App or website?

A: Both work identically. App better on mobile. Call +1➤855➤203➤2961 as backup for either.

Q: Third-party booking?

A: Try delta.com with Delta code. If no Modify option: contact agency or call +1➤855➤203➤2961.

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